

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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REGULATION OF HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to regulate the Health Care System in the country ;
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Council as an Apex Policy making body ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) Health being a State subject, it is for the State Government to regulate/monitor the functioning of its hospitals including private hospitals within its jurisdiction as well as to ensure that they comply with the norms/ regulations prescribed by the respective State Governments as well as take punitive action against private hospitals/doctors in cases of proven unethical and unscrupulous conduct.

The Central Government is in the process of formulating standards and specifications for hospitals, nursing homes and other clinical establishments to ensure quality health care services, including norms of assessment, accreditation, inspection, certification, regulation of such clinical establishment as well as maintenance of records.